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SUBJECT:CYPRUS MISSING PERSONS

1. ON MAY 13 MRS. KYPRIANOU SENT MRS. CARTER FOLLOWING
TELEGRAM ON SUBJECT OF MISSING PERSONS IN CYPRUS (WE UNDER-
STAND SIMILAR TELEGRAMS WERE SENT TO WIVES OF A NUMBER OF
WORLD LEADERS):

BEGIN TEXT: ON THE 14TH MAY SPECIAL GATHERINGS WILL BE HELD
THE WORLD OVER TO PAY TRIBUTE TO THE SERVICES BEING RENDERED
BY MOTHERS TO HUMANITY. I EXTEND TO YOU ON BEHALF OF THE
CYPRIOT MOTHERS WHOSE SONS ARE MISSING AS A RESULT OF THE
TURKISH INVASION OF CYPRUS IN JULY 1974 A WARM APPEAL TO
LEND YOUR VALUABLE SUPPORT TO OUR EFFORTS FOR TRACING THE
2,000 MISSING PERSONS. YOUR ASSISTANCE IN THIS HUMANITARIAN
ISSUE WILL DO MUCH TO ALLEVIATE THE UNTOLD SUFFERING OF
THOUSANDS OF GREEK CYPRIOTS WHO ARE AWAITING WITH ANXIETY
AND AGONY FOR ALMOST FOUR YEARS TO HEAR ABOUT THE FATE OF
THEIR LOVED ONES. I APPEAL TO YOU TO REMIND YOUR DEAR ONES
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WHO ARE IN POWER TO DO THEIR UTMOST WITH A VIEW TO PERSUAD-
ING TURKEY TO AGREE TO AN EFFECTIVE INTERNATIONAL INQUIRY
WITH THE OBJECT OF TRACING OUR MISSING PERSONS. THE LACK OF
DECISIVE ACTION ON THIS MATTER IS A STIGMA TO HUMANITY WITH
HIGHEST CONSIDERATION (MRS) MIMI SPYROU KYPRIANOU. END
TEXT.

2. WHITE HOUSE STAFF HAS ASKED THAT WE ARRANGE FOR RESPONSE TO BE MADE TO MRS. KYPRIANOU, AND WE SUGGEST THIS MIGHT MOST SUITABLY BE DONE IN LETTER FROM AMBASSADOR. BELOW, AS OF POSSIBLE USE, IS RESPONSE ORIGINALLY PREPARED IN DEPARTMENT FOR MRS. CARTER'S SIGNATURE:

BEGIN TEXT: DEAR MRS. KYPRIANOU: THANK YOU FOR YOUR TELEGRAM OF MAY 13 ON THE SUBJECT OF MISSING PERSONS IN CYPRUS.

I AM SURE THAT I SPEAK FOR THE ENTIRE AMERICAN PEOPLE IN EXPRESSING OUR WHOLEHEARTED SYMPATHY FOR THE FRIENDS AND RELATIVES OF THOSE MISSING. GIVEN OUR OWN EXPERIENCE WITH MISSING IN ACTION IN VIETNAM, WE CAN FULLY APPRECIATE THEIR SENSE OF UNCERTAINTY AND ANGUISH.

AS I AM SURE YOU ARE AWARE, THE UNITED STATES HAS ACTIVELY SOUGHT TO PROMOTE A SATISFACTORY SOLUTION TO THIS LONG-STANDING HUMANITARIAN PROBLEM. WE WELCOMED AND ENCOURAGED THE INTENSIVE EFFORTS THAT WERE MADE LAST YEAR TO FORM A JOINT COMMITTEE OF INQUIRY CONSISTING OF REPRESENTATIVES OF BOTH CYPRIOT COMMUNITIES AND OF THE INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS, AND WE HOPE THAT SUCH A COMMITTEE CAN IN FACT BE CONSTITUTED IN THE NEAR FUTURE. THIS WOULD SEEM TO US TO REPRESENT THE SUREST MEANS OF BRINGING RELIEF TO THE FRIENDS AND RELATIVES OF THE MISSING AND OF THEREBY HELPING LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TO BIND THE WOUNDS OF THE PAST. END TEXT. CHRISTOPHER

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